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SUBJ: U S CITRUS: FUNGICIDE

DEPT PASS AGRICULTURE FOR HUME AND FITZSIMMONDS

REF: TOKYO 4929

EMBASSY PLANNING PRESENT FOLLOWING AIDE MEMOIRE TO FONOFF ASAP.  
REQUEST YOUR CONCURRENCE AND/OR SUGGESTIONS SOONEST. QUOTE

1. THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS  
THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE FUNGICIDES  
ORTHO-PHENYLFENOL (OPP) AND THIABENDAZOLE (TBZ) ON IMPORTED  
FRESH FRUIT FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. BOTH OPP AND TBZ ARE AT STEP NUMBER 9 IN CODEZ  
ALIMENTARIUS. HENCE, BOTH CHEMICALS WILL SOON BE  
OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED AS SAFE AT SPECIFIED LEVELS BY THIS  
INTERNATIONAL BODY THAT HAS SPECIAL COMPETENCE IN THIS AREA. STEP  
NUMBER 9, OF COURSE, MEANS THAT THIS INTERNATIONAL BODY HAS ALREADY  
RECOMMENDED ACCEPTANCE BY ALL MEMBER GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING JAPAN.

B. MOST MAJOR CITRUS PRODUCING AND CONSUMING  
COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY,  
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AUSTRALIA, CANADA AND OTHERS ALREADY ALLOW THE USE OF THESE

FUNGICIDES ON FRESH FRUIT. HENCE, THE PREPONDERANCE OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EVIDENCE ALREADY DEMONSTRATES THAT WHEN USED WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED TOLERANCE LEVELS OPP AND TBZ ARE NOT HARMFUL TO HUMANS.

C. THE PERFORMANCE OF BOTH CHEMICALS IS SUPERIOR TO THAT OF DIPHENYL ( NOW THE ONLY FUNGICIDE APPROVED FOR USE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN). THEIR APPROVED USE COULD REDUCE LOSS DUE TO SPILAGE AND HENCE REDUCE THE COST OF IMPORTED FRUITS TO JAPANESE CONSUMERS. THERE COULD ALSO BE POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES FOR DOMESTIC FRUIT.

THE APPROVAL OF THESE FUNGICIDES IS REQUESTED FOR USE WITH THE MODIFIED WAX NECESSARY FOR PROPER APPLICATION, VIZ., CALCIUM SALT OF PARTIALLY DIMERIZED ROSIN. UNQUOTE.

2. LAST PARA ADDED AT UNOFFICIAL SUGGESTION MHW OFFICIAL. AM SURE YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THIS AS FLAVORSEAL. DOES THIS PRESENT PROBLEMS TO USDA?  
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